

Local News.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1, 1899.

Hopewell Items.

Though it has been some time, Mr. Editor, since you and your readers read from this part of the country, through the columns of your most excellent paper, you must not think that we are dead by any means. While we have not had time for opportunity to get up any items of interest for the last year or four months, we know that you have not missed them, for items of more interest and importance than ours would have filled your columns.

The record of the "wonderful dry season" last summer and crops are not promising at all. We have had for the past several years but it is to be hoped that our next crops will make up for all failures and that in another year's time we will all pull out the "kinds". Several of our young men have left the community recently, and consequently young men are scarce at this time. Some have gone one way and others another.

Mr. Major Jones, who has been a co-adjutor with his father in the blacksmith and wood shops near old Anson, has gone to Belton to engage in the growing business with his brother.

Mr. Vernon Watson has gone to Belton, where he is engaged in the brick business.

Mr. R. A. Gentry has been engaged in teaching in a school during the last summer, but at present is spending his vacation at the home of his father, Mr. L. W. Gentry, after which he will resume his work at the same place.

Messrs. John Arthur and George Martin have gone to Pendleton, where they are engaged in the mercantile business. We wish these young men success in this new enterprise.

Messrs. W. D. and L. O. King and Ned Newell have entered Clemson College last year. Mr. King attended college there last year.

Mr. Joshua Pruitt is clerking for Mr. C. S. Minor.

Mr. Henry C. Martin is salesman for McCully Bros.

Mr. J. Baker Gentry has been working for the Ott Cotton Mill, but at present is employed in training the Farmers' Warehouse.

So you see, Mr. Editor, that young men are scarce in these parts.

Rev. A. B. Jenkins preached his sermon on "The Gospel of the Kingdom" last Sunday at the church here. He was accompanied by his wife, and he has returned to Louisville, Ky., where he has entered the Theological Seminary.

Mr. L. W. Gentry, delegate elect from Midway Church, attended the Presbyterian at Clemson College last week. He was accompanied by his wife.

We attended preaching at Trinity last Sunday, and among the visitors there we noticed Mr. Robt. Moorhead, from Concord, and Mr. Andrew Harris, from Miss Annie Hill, from Union Grove.

Mr. J. L. Foster went to Greenville last Saturday on business.

For the past week we have been having some cool nights, which makes us think that Winter, with his cold, bleak nights, is approaching, and will be here in the near future.

As long, cool nights are the ones in which we all like to sit by the fire and read, and as some of the bright boys and girls and some of the older ones would like to have something to do, I will give them a problem in arithmetic which some may occupy their minds while during their leisure moments: "If a cow and a calf eat a pumpkin and a half in a day and a half, how many pumpkins can twelve cows and calves eat in twelve days and a half?"

VELOCITIES.

Toney Creek Items.

Fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 30, 1899, little Ruth Acker, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Mattison, aged 5 years and 7 months. Ruth was sick only a short time with that dreadful disease, membranous croup and diphtheria. Her mother, who had been told by her that loving hands could do, God claimed her as his own. Ruth was a beautiful and loving child, too pure and sweet for this vile world of sin and sorrow. While it seems hard to give up one who was the pet of a loving mother and father and other loved ones, God knows best and they have thus to comfort them in this dark hour. Ruth is at rest where there is no more death, no more sorrow, no more tears. Her funeral was preached Sunday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Tate, pastor of Shady Grove Church, in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends, and the remains were laid to rest in that graveyard to await her Saviour's call. The heart-broken parents have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Capt. J. S. Acker is still confined to his bed and is very weak. Miss Eva Poore is still sick in bed, also Mrs. J. M. Cox is sick. Joe Acker, Jr., has been very sick, but is some better.

Mrs. Ellen Shirley, of Horry Path, who has been visiting her father, Mr. W. H. Acker, for the past ten days has returned home.

Miss Mary Acker, who has been visiting Mrs. B. A. Wilson, in Belton, has returned home.

Miss Lottie McDavid, Annie Griffin and Mrs. W. A. Clement, all of Belton, have been visiting in this community.

Miss Emma Vaughn has gone to Rock Hill to attend school. Miss Essie Acker is going to Belton to school, and J. S. Acker, Jr., will go to Greenwood.

The cotton is nearly all gathered and people will have plenty of time to get up their winter's wood this year, sure.

PATRY.

Auton Items.

Last week we visited the Auton gins, and although we knew there had been improvements on the old building and gins, we found them better than we had expected. They have four gins placed side by side, and fed by automatic feeders. The suction pipe automatically sending the cotton to two gins at a time respectively. Each gin is supplied with a large tube made of galvanized iron, which runs directly to the condensers over the revolving press. The cotton is dropped into one of the cylinders of the press, over which there is a head block operated by a steam piston. When the press cylinder gets full of cotton a lever is turned, which admits the steam to the steam cylinder, which the press, and the head block, which has a guard board to prevent the cotton from falling upon it, is forced down in the press and out very quickly. Thus the pressman has nothing to do but to operate the steam lever. The cotton can run from thirty to thirty-five bales a day. Four men operate all the machinery.

Mr. Smallpox, who is meeting armed resistance, is capturing a few of our people.

Messrs. Eliza and Bessie Pilgrim were visiting friends and relatives near Central last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Barkley visited friends in Central last Saturday.

BOB AMATEUR.

South Carolina was well represented at the Dewey celebration in New York last week.

Trinity News.

As we are able to be out once more, and have failed to give any news in some time, we will now try to give you a few thoughts.

We have had a good many visitors during the summer, but, alas! all have returned and we have only the memories of good times to think of.

Messrs. R. H. Jolly and W. M. Bolt have exchanged lands. We are sorry to have Henry leave us, for he is an excellent neighbor.

We have quite a crowd on our sick list, but we hope that none are serious. Mr. P. H. Brown has a fine rice crop. It is thought that it will yield a hundred bushels per acre. Say, farmers, why don't you who have so much wet bottoms grow rice?

Messrs. F. M. King and P. H. Brown have returned from their mountain trip. They made excellent "hond trips".

By the way, one certain fellow keeps driving that fast horse on Sunday evenings. It would appear as though something more than friends is in the wind.

We had the pleasure of attending the school entertainment at Lebanon. Everything was carried out nicely. Much praise is due Miss Alice Wakefield for the success of the occasion. They have some fine speakers at Lebanon, and if they continue training them they will make some excellent orators. Did Lebanon ever fail in anything?

S. Hoot, Boy.

Deaver Items.

Sickness has again invaded our community, though we have not heard of any very serious cases. Mr. J. W. Major and son, Pat, have been chilling, but are better now. Mr. J. W. Rothrock's family and Mr. John Jolly's family have had light cases of malarial fever. Two of Mr. R. W. Hammonds' children have been chilling. Mrs. Elan Milan has a slight attack of grippe. Several miles from us there is a colored family who are sick with something like smallpox, but it must be a very light form, if it is that disease, as up to this date none have died from it. They are isolated and guarded, so that there is no danger of the disease spreading.

Mr. Guy Daniels, of Newberry, is visiting relatives in our midst.

Miss Sue Wightman has been the guest of Miss Margie Major for a few days.

Miss Graden Brown, after a visit of several weeks to her uncle's family, has left to visit her grandmother, Mrs. McHugh, near Greenville.

Mrs. S. C. Patton and her daughter, Mabel, have left for their home in Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Mattie Eskew and Mr. Tom Simpson visited friends near Starr last week, and attended a musicale at Mr. Callaway Pruitt's. Their report having had a very pleasant time.

Mr. S. C. George had the misfortune to have his son and four bales of cotton burned last Wednesday night. His loss is estimated at \$500, with no insurance.

It is supposed the fire was accidental. Mr. George has the sympathy of his neighbors in his misfortune, which seem to come thick and fast. Not long since he got the small home in one leg broken, and is suffering with it yet, and now his second son is quite sick.

We learn that Mr. Will Erwin, who left a few weeks ago to attend school at Home Path, is now prostrated with fever. We hope to hear soon that he is better.

Mr. Ernest Brevine and sister, Miss Blanche, attended the Payne-McCown wedding in Anderson on the 27th. They report it in this way: The bride was lovely, the groom handsome, the music exquisite, the decorations beautiful, the refreshments delicious and the bride presents numerous and valuable. The guests were many, and enjoyed the occasion to the fullest extent.

INCOGNITO.

Lowndesville Locals.

The ginning outfit of the Lowndesville Cotton Oil Co. is in fine running order, and is ginning cotton as fast as it comes. About twelve minutes is the time required to gin a bale. The system used is the Pratt, and not, as stated in my article several weeks ago, the Munger. This is due in all justice to the Daniel Pratt Gin Company, of Prattville, Ala., the manufacturers of the system, and to our townsman, Mr. D. L. Barnes, who made the sale. The Pratt System is much superior to the Munger, and the Company is to be congratulated on its selection.

Captain Chas. T. Baker, Quartermaster of the United States Army, and commander of the government transport "Kilpatrick," is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs L. Baker, of Washington, D. C., are also stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

The C. & W. C. Railway's agent here, Mr. F. B. Harris, who during the long time that he has represented his company here, has always shown himself courteous, kind, efficient and faithful to the interests both of his employers and of the public, left Saturday for Greenwood. He goes there to accept a higher position, and while we regret that he must leave us, we congratulate him on his promotion. Mr. R. W. Colyer, of Mount Carmel, came up Friday to take his place. Mr. Colyer was formerly a resident of Lowndesville, and our people are glad to know that he will be with us again.

Miss Mac Harris, of Lincolnton, Ga., has been visiting her brother, Mr. F. B. Harris, at the Kay House.

Mr. Ira B. Bell left for Spartanburg Friday morning, where he will enter the Sophomore class of Wofford College.

Mr. E. J. Huckabee returned from a visit to Abbeville Saturday.

Mr. J. H. Linnah, a popular traveling man, who represents the well-known Charleston firm of T. H. McGahan & Co. in this territory, is visiting his friend, Mr. A. V. Barnes.

Miss Ida Hawthorne, of Latimer, who has many friends here, spent the week with Miss Lily Huckabee, returning to her home Saturday.

Miss Henry B. Allen has gone to Augusta to enter the Medical College.

Mr. L. J. Moorehead, of Parkville, S. C., is here visiting his mother, Mrs. A. E. Moorehead.

Mr. DeWitt L. Barnes went to Greenville during the last week.

Mr. Franklin, the agent for the Augusta Chronicle, was in town Friday.

The C. & W. C. R. in aid of Mr. Gilman, came up from Augusta Friday to make changes in the depot books made necessary by the change of agents and left Saturday on the 8 a. m. train.

McD. HERRON.

Wade H. Seranton, a merchant of Bennettsville, was struck by a train while driving over the Bennettsville railroad track. The horse was killed and the buggy smashed, but it was not supposed Seranton was seriously hurt until morning, when he died. The coroner's jury found a verdict charging train officials with carelessness in not blowing the whistle for the crossing.

Two new cottony schemes are being agitated, one to be called Wateree, with Ridgeway for its capital, the other to be cut off of Laurens, Spartanburg and Newberry, with its court house at Clinton.

Pendleton Items.

Mr. M. M. Hunter has been confined to his room for several days with a cold. We hope that he will soon be well again.

Miss Lucy McBride went to Anderson Monday.

Mrs. Agnes McLees has gone to Pelzer, visiting her daughter, and will be away for some time.

Mr. J. C. Stridling's children, while on the way from school one day last week, had a run-away scrape. The two girls were thrown from their conveyance, hurting them very badly.

The communion of the Lord's Supper was administered at the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

We have quite a scare in our town of the smallpox, but we have no cases yet. It is reported to be some distance from here.

TELL TATE.

Union Meeting.

Program of Union Meeting of the 1st Division of the Saluda Association, to meet with 1st Baptist Church of Pelzer on 5th Sunday and Saturday before in October:

1. Union will meet at 10 a. m. Saturday and proceed to organize.

2. Then will follow the introductory sermon, preached by Rev. R. W. Harris or Rev. Mike McGee.

3. Intermission at 12 o'clock for two hours.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Discussion of the following subjects: 1. The obligation of the Churches to W. B. Hawkins and L. J. Beck.

2. The importance and convenience of dividing the field (which is the world) into State, home and foreign sections, by Brothers W. T. Tate, N. G. Wright and R. W. Sanders.

Sunday, 10 o'clock a. m. Sunday School mass meeting to be addressed by Revs. O. J. Copeland and W. B. West.

11:30 o'clock, Missionary sermon, by Rev. O. L. Martin.

We hope later to arrange for sermons on both Saturday and Sunday nights.

G. W. HUSSEY, Clerk.

Varennes Public Schools.

The public schools will open in Varennes Township October 10th. The patrons of each school are requested to meet on or before that date, and select a teacher for their respective schools.

W. G. WEBB, Chmn.

READY FOR BUSINESS!

WE beg to say to the readers of this paper that we are ready for business. As we have been so fast we could not get a stock sufficient to add.

Friends, since opening until Sept. 30th we turned our money invested. How is that? We did it by honest dealing and low prices. Now, if you would help the ball keep rolling and get some bargains you never heard of, much less bought at, come and get in the crowd. We have paralyzed the people with low prices on glassware. What do you think of buying a great big Butter Dish for 8, and a 10c Cream Pitcher for 5c. It can be done. Come and see with your own eyes. Our Imported Crockery should be seen by every person that has children. Just what about it? In one lot we had only one Cup and one Plate broken. Don't that prove its toughness?

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Ladies' Black Hose, fast colors	only 7c
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Ladies' Fleece-lined Undervest, best quality	only 16c
Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves, worth \$1.00	only 69c
Pure Linen Window Shades	only 23c
Buttermilk Soap, three cakes in a box	only 4c
Box Writing Paper and Envelopes	only 3c
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French Flannels, beautiful designs	only 8c
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Cheviots, dark Patterns, fast colors	only 7c
Cotton Flannel, heavy quality	only 5c
Worsted Plaids, beautiful designs for Waists	only 94c
White and Red Table Damask	only 24c
36-inch Bayadere Novelty Dress Goods	only 19
Black Broaded Brilliantine, 40 inches wide	only 24c
Cashmeres, in all colors, 36 inches wide, all wool	only 19c

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One lot Drummer's Samples of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Shoes, slightly damaged	only 75c
Ladies' Dongola Shoes, button or lace, heel or spring heel	only 98c
Ladies' Genuine Dongola Shoes, every pair guaranteed, button or lace	only 1.45
Ladies' Milwaukee Oil Grain Shoes, water-proof	only 98c
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Gentlemen's Tan Box Calf, extra heavy soles	only 1.98

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C. F. JONES & CO.